

REMARKS

In response to the written restriction requirement, applicant elected Species IV directed to the embodiment of Fig. 4. Claim 1 is generic as it is the sole independent claim and is directed to the generic control of fluid flow through two evaporators.

Claim 1 has been amended simply to clarify the generic nature of the claim and improve form. No new matter has been entered.

Should the examiner believe further discussion regarding the above claim language would expedite prosecution they are invited to contact the undersigned at the number listed below.

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Title: VEHICLE AIR CONDITIONING DEVICE INCLUDING  
A MULTIPURPOSE HEAT EXCHANGER

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APPENDIX SHOWING CHANGES MADE

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claim 1 as follows.

1. A device for air-conditioning [the] a passenger compartment of a motor vehicle, comprising:

a refrigerant-fluid circuit including a compressor, a condenser serving as a heat sink and a first evaporator serving as a cold source, the device [and] further [comprising] including a second evaporator and switching means for [making the] selectively routing fluid flow [either only in the first evaporator, or in the two evaporators,] between one of and both the first and second evaporators depending on [the] a required cooling power, the first and second evaporators being traversed on after the other at least partly by an airflow to be cooled.

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Please add new claims 18-20 as follows.

18. A device for air-conditioning a passenger compartment of a motor vehicle having a refrigerant fluid circuit comprising:

a compressor,

a condenser serving as a heat sink;

a first evaporator serving as a cold source,

a second evaporator; and

a switching mechanism disposed to selectively route fluid flow between one of and both the first and second evaporators depending on a required cooling power.

19. The device according to claim 18, wherein said switching mechanism is disposed and adapted to route fluid flow solely between one of said first evaporator only and through both said first and second evaporators.

20. The device according to claim 1, wherein said switching means is disposed and adapted to route fluid flow solely between one of said first evaporator only and through both said first and second evaporators.